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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN COFFEE GROWERS WILL RECEIVE NEARLY ONE
BILLION DOLLARS IN GOVERNMENT CREDIT ASSISTANCE

1. THE GOB RELEASED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY SETTING EMERGENCY
FINANCING FOR THE 75/76 YEAR OF NEARLY ONE BILLION DOLLARS
(CR\$ 8.1 BILLION) AIMED AT PROMOTING THE RECOVERY OF COFFEE
PRODUCTION IN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE, AT FACILITATING
THE PLANTING OF COMPLEMENTARY CROPS, AND AT AMELIORATING
THE SOCIAL HARDSHIPS, INCLUDING THOSE ON LABOR, BROUGHT
ABOUT BY THE FROST. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

2. ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, THE PERCENTAGES OF COFFEE
TREES HARMED BY THE FROST IN FOUR MAJOR PRODUCING
STATES ARE: PARANA - 100 PERCENT (915 MILLION TREES), SAO PAULO-
66 PERCENT (528 MILLION TREES), MATO GROSSO - 80PERCENT
(43.8 MILLION TREES), AND MINAS GERAIS - 10 PERCENT (29.2
MILLION TREES); IN TOTAL, 74 PERCENT (1,516 MILLION TREES)
OF THE 2,062 TREES IN THE FOUR STATES WERE AFFECTED BY THE FROST.

3. IBC OFFICIAL TOLD CONGEN RIO OFFICER THAT AT THE
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MOMENT IBC IS PLANNING TO USE THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL CREDIT

TO TRIM AND PRUNE 447 MILLION TREES, TO CUT THE STALK 369
MILLION TREES, TO REPLANT 200 MILLION TREES IN THEIR ORIGINAL
LOCATIONS, AND TO PLANT AN ADDITIONAL 100 MILLION TREES
IN NEW AREAS AWAY FROM THE FROST. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT
THE GOB "HOPES" NOT TO HAVE TO FINANCE THE REPLANTING OF THE
REMAINING 400 MILLION TREES AFFECTED BY THE FROST. THESE 400
ARE OLDER AND WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLANTED ANYWAY, THE OFFICIAL
SAID. HE EMPHASIZED STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT THE NUMBER OF TREES
IN EACH OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE,
PERHAPS SUBSTANTIAL, WHEN THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE CAN BE
BETTER MEASURE.

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